

SATOH et al
Serial No. 10/781,802

Atty Dkt: 4059-18
Art Unit: 3617

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Amend claims 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.
2. Add new claims 7 and 8.
3. Thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2, 3, 4, and 6.
4. Respectfully traverse all prior art rejections.

B. PATENTABILITY OF THE CLAIMS

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable dependent claim 2. Allowable claims 3 and 6 have been rewritten as independent claims by including the subject matter of original independent claim 1. Claim 2 has been amended to depend from independent claim 3. New dependent claims 7 and 8, corresponding to the subject matter of original dependent claim 5, have been added to depend from amended independent claims 6 and 3, respectively.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims are deemed in condition for allowance. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

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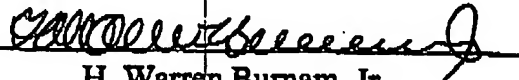
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Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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